

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Dervishian on November 17, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 85, line 15, after the words "host clock value" inserted --for determining respective packets as being received during one of the plurality of successive first time periods--.

In claim 91, line 1, the word "system" is removed and inserted with --network monitor--.

In claim 91, line 5, the phrase "a processor" is removed and inserted with --a first processor--.

In claim 91, line 10, the word "absolute" is removed and inserted with --external--.

In claim 91, line 10, the semicolon ";" is removed.

In claim 91, line 11, the phrase "a processor for determining a time" is removed and inserted with --used for determining--.

The examiner's amendment above was made to clarify the amendment previously made to allow claim 85 that the amendment should be inserted after "host clock value" since the word value appears twice in line 15.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5, 9, 11, 16, 18, 28, 30-34, 79-82, 84, 85, 91, and 92 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Duong whose telephone number is (571)272-3122. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM-5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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